

to it is equal to or in excess of the market value of the property to be conveyed by the United States, or (2) that the United States is to receive from the Sun Oil Company, upon conveyance of the properties to be exchanged, a sum of money equal to the amount by which the market value of the property to be conveyed by the United States exceeds the value to the United States of the property to be conveyed to the United States. Any money received by the United States in connection with the exchange shall be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Approved April 15, 1954.

Public Law 334

CHAPTER 142

AN ACT

April 15, 1954
[H. R. 4024]

To change the name of the Appomattox Court House National Historical Monument to the "Appomattox Court House National Historical Park".

Appomattox
Court House Na-
tional Historical
Park.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the historical site known as the "Appomattox Court House National Historical Monument", located near Appomattox, Virginia, shall hereafter be known and designated as the "Appomattox Court House National Historical Park". Any law, regulation, document, or record of the United States in which such site is designated or referred to by the name of the "Appomattox Court House National Historical Monument" shall be held and considered to refer to such site by the name of the "Appomattox Court House National Historical Park".

Approved April 15, 1954.

Public Law 335

CHAPTER 143

AN ACT

April 15, 1954
[H. R. 6434]

To amend sections 401 and 701 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act so as to simplify the procedures governing the establishment of food standards.

Food standards
regulations.
52 Stat. 1046.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 401 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U. S. C., sec. 341), is amended by inserting "(a)" after "SEC. 401." and by adding at the end of such section the following new subsection:

Initiation of ac-
tion.

"(b) (1) Any action under subsection (a) for the issuance, amendment, or repeal of any regulation shall be begun by a proposal made (A) by the Secretary of his own initiative, or (B) by petition of any interested person, showing reasonable grounds therefor, filed with the Secretary. The Secretary shall publish such proposal and shall afford all interested persons an opportunity to present their views thereon, orally or in writing. As soon as practicable thereafter, the Secretary shall by order act upon such proposal and shall make such order public. Except as provided in paragraph (2), the order shall become effective at such time as may be specified therein, but not prior to the day following the last day on which objections may be filed under such paragraph.

Filing of objec-
tions.

"(2) At any time prior to the thirtieth day after the date on which an order entered under paragraph (1) is made public, any person who will be adversely affected by such order if placed in effect may file objections thereto with the Secretary, specifying with particularity the provisions of the order deemed objectionable, stating the grounds

therefor, and requesting a public hearing upon such objections. Until final action upon such objections is taken by the Secretary under paragraph (3), the filing of such objections shall operate to stay the effectiveness of those provisions of the order to which the objections are made. As soon as practicable after the time for filing objections has expired the Secretary shall publish a notice in the Federal Register specifying those parts of the order which have been stayed by the filing of objections and, if no objections have been filed, stating that fact.

“(3) As soon as practicable after such request for a public hearing, the Secretary, after due notice, shall hold such a public hearing for the purpose of receiving evidence relevant and material to the issues raised by such objections. At the hearing, any interested person may be heard in person or by representative. As soon as practicable after completion of the hearing, the Secretary shall by order act upon such objections and make such order public. Such order shall be based only on substantial evidence of record at such hearing and shall set forth, as part of the order, detailed findings of fact on which the order is based. The Secretary shall specify in the order the date on which it shall take effect, except that it shall not be made to take effect prior to the ninetieth day after its publication unless the Secretary finds that emergency conditions exist necessitating an earlier effective date, in which event the Secretary shall specify in the order his findings as to such conditions. Such order shall be subject to the provisions of section 701 (f) and (g).”

SEC. 2. Section 701 (e) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act is amended by striking out “401.”

SEC. 3. In any case in which, prior to the date of the enactment of this Act, a public hearing has been begun, in accordance with section 701 (e) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, upon a proposal to issue, amend, or repeal any regulation contemplated by section 401 of such Act, the provisions of such Act, as in force immediately prior to the date of the enactment of this Act, shall be applicable as though this Act had not been enacted.

Approved April 15, 1954.

Public hearing.

21 USC 371.

Hearings pending.

Public Law 336

CHAPTER 144

AN ACT

To remove certain limitations upon the sale or conveyance of land heretofore conveyed to the city of Miles City, Montana, by the United States.

April 15, 1954
[H. R. 4984]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the city of Miles City, Montana, is authorized to sell or convey for industrial purposes such portion of the thirty-seven and twenty-six one-hundredths acres of land more particularly described in the Act of August 8, 1946 (60 Stat. 946), which were conveyed to such city by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to such Act to be used for industrial and recreational purposes as may be deemed by the city council of such city to be appropriate, notwithstanding any limitations upon the use of such property imposed by such Act of August 8, 1946, or by the patent issued thereunder: *Provided*, That any such sale or conveyance shall be at fair market value as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture at the date of appraisal, exclusive of any increased value resulting from the development or improvement of the lands covered by this bill, and the net proceeds of such sale or conveyance shall be deposited in the general funds of the Treasury of the United States.

Approved April 15, 1954.

Miles City, Mont.
Conveyance.